

**VIRGINIA RECYCLING MARKETS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
JANUARY 22, 2003
HENRICO TRAINING CENTER
GLEN ALLEN, VIRGINIA**

12:00 Noon until 2:30 PM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Diane Jones, RMDC Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members of the Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council and members of the public to the meeting.

RMDC	Representing	Staff	Representing
Diane Jones	Rural PDC	Steve Coe	DEQ
Thomas Smith	VACO	Allan Lassiter	DEQ
Phillip Abraham	Plastics Industry		
Paul Alcantar	Urban PDC		
Richard Lerner	Metals Industry	Visitors	Representing
Michael Ward	Oil Recycling	Mark Friedrich	Shoosmith
Douglas Wine	VML	Kate Sicola	Fairfax County DSWCR
Ed Duke	Recycling Industry	Phillip LoRicca	Onyx
Robert Kerlinger	Composting	Barry Jordan	Onyx
William Bailey	VDOT		
Rick Weeks	VDEQ		
Georgiana Ball	VDGS		
Will Vehrs	VDBA		
Absent RMDC			
Michael Benedetto	Paper Industry		
Paige Holloway	Public-at-large		
Eddie Schneider	Waste Industry		
John Kline	Tires		
Brian Salmon	Aluminum Industry		
David Woodbury	Glass Industry		

2. Determining Quorum

A quorum for the Virginia RMDC has been established as a simple majority of the appointed members to the Council. The Council is fully represented by 15 appointed members. Therefore a minimum of 8 members must be present to establish a quorum. A total of 9 of the appointed members were in attendance at the start of the meeting, therefore a quorum was established.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Vice-Chair called for the pleasure of the Council on the draft minutes of the October 21, 2002 meeting of the RMDC. A motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made by R. Lerner, seconded by B. Kerlinger. The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Recycling Markets Reports

S. Coe of DEQ reported on the mailer to the RMDC members on localities reporting marketing problems with specific commodities. At its October 21st meeting the RMDC volunteered to contact the localities about their market concerns, and to report back to the Council at this meeting.

R. Lerner reported that he had called several of the localities on metal market concerns. It was his finding that there were markets for the collected materials, but that the localities reported they were too costly.

D. Jones and M. Ward reported that used oil markets were OK, but that again costs were a concern. Used antifreeze and used oil filter markets were weaker or in some cases non-existent, especially in rural areas of the state, and related costs were again a concern. M. Ward submitted call sheets on the work he had done.

E. Duke reported that he continues to make calls about plastics market (PETe and HDPE) concerns. Mixed plastics are a market problem, and in most cases are landfilled. A major concern is the lack of densification equipment at the local level to bale plastics to reduce the transportation costs for the plastic materials.

B. Kerlinger stated that as long as it is cheaper to landfill the materials, the cost of recycling will remain a concern of localities. He feels that state's regulations (or lack of) provide no incentive to recycle (specific to composting).

T. Smith questioned if the use of prison labor would help recycling programs reduce costs. Discussion on use of such labor in other states (Maryland) and in Virginia (Harrisonburg mentioned). W. Vehrs reported that Virginia Correctional Enterprises provides labor services.

No other reports were introduced. P. Abraham offered to report next meeting on the calls made to localities about plastics markets.

5. Legislative Updates

S. Coe provided handouts and information on this year's bills at the General Assembly.

Recycling Rate Reporting: The RMDC recommended no change to the existing 25% recycling mandate in its 2003 Annual Report and to the Commission on the Future of Virginia's Environment. No bill was introduced this year to change the recycling mandate.

Solid Waste Surcharge: The RMDC recommended a \$2-\$3 waste surcharge to support recycling programs in the Commonwealth in its 2003 Annual Report. No bill was introduced this year to establish a waste surcharge, other than a possible fee associated with barging of waste into Virginia. It was pointed out that such a surcharge could be added at the veto session.

Proposed DEQ Budget Revisions: Under the Governor's submitted budget, funding from the Litter Control and Recycling Fund for non-competitive grants to localities and for competitive educational grants would be eliminated for two years. Hearings on the budget have attracted a number of speakers against this budget item. Both the House and Senate have introduced amendments to the budget to return the non-competitive funds to DEQ. The Vice-Chair read a draft of a letter asking that the funds be restored, and asked for an endorsement of the members for the letter. The Council voted to have the Chairman submit the letter as soon as possible.

Electronics Recycling: HB 2375 and HB 2376 would ban the disposal of CRTs in landfills and incinerators. DEQ would be required to adopt regulations for the handling of this material as a special waste, and to work with local governments and businesses in determining how to recycle and how to promote the recycling of electronic equipment.

Income Tax Credit for Recycling Equipment: SB 508 would extend the current 10% tax credit for the purchase of machinery and equipment used to process recyclables to include mobile equipment.

6. Old Business

P. Alcantar reported on the work of the RMDC Nominating Committee for CY 2003. M. Benedetto and D. Jones had agreed to continue as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, for 2003. No other nominations were submitted. Upon a motion by P. Alcantar and a second by T. Smith, M. Benedetto and D. Jones were unanimously re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair for 2003.

All existing subcommittees will continue into 2003.

S. Coe distributed recent articles to the members on SPSA's proposed changes to their curbside recycling program and on New York City's revised recycling program.

7. New Business

P. Alcantar announced that Prince William County had recently signed a contract with Onyx Environmental Services of Stoughton, MA. for the handling of its collected electronic recyclables. Two representatives, Phillip LoRicco and Barry Jordan, presented information on Onyx and its programs. P. Alcantar should be contacted for information on Prince William County's program.

From a question about the effect of the CRT landfill ban in Massachusetts, B. Jordan commented that it increased the material available to processors immediately (slugs of material) but that material flow is now stable and more predictable. It was pointed out that the state provided startup grants to localities to assist in the development of the collection infrastructure for the electronics.

8. Public Comment

None

9. Meeting Schedule

The following dates were selected as meeting dates for 2003:

Tuesday, May 13 th , 2003	10:00 AM until 12:30 PM
Wednesday, August 20 nd , 2003	10:00 AM until 12:30 PM
Thursday, November 13 th , 2003	10:00 AM until 12:30 PM

The Henrico County Training Center in Glen Allen, Virginia has confirmed meeting space for these dates.

10. Adjourn

The Vice-Chair asked for and received a motion to adjourn, and a second. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.